

United States History II  
Mrs. Flecks--Course Description

Goals:

1. You will expand your knowledge of United States history from the post-Civil War era to the modern era.
2. You will specifically be looking at United States history through the social, political, and economic dynamics.
3. You will improve your understanding of social, political, and economic changes throughout this period of United States history.
4. You will improve your study and research skills.
5. You will use skills from other subject areas to better understand United States history, which will improve your ability to understand, interpret and synthesize charts and primary source information.
6. You will have a better understanding of why it is important to study and try to understand history.

Grades:

1. Your grade for each nine week period is cumulative; meaning each grade you EARN will be added together and divided by the total possible points. Each nine weeks will start over.
2. Grades are not given. Grades are EARNED. This means that if you are accustomed to an A then you need to do the work necessary to EARN it.
3. You can be graded on any of the following types of assignments.
  - a. In-class assignments
    - i. These are assignments that are you are given class time to complete—not homework.
    - ii. In-class assignments should be completed within the class period and turned in before leaving class.
  - b. Homework
    - i. These are assignments are homework and are due the day after they are assigned unless otherwise instructed.
    - ii. Homework is not accepted late—if you are in the room your homework should be turned in or you will receive a zero.
  - c. Notebook
    - i. Notes should be taken.
    - ii. Notebooks should be a place to keep any information vital to the class
      1. Graded assignments
      2. Notes from class
      3. Study guides...etc.
    - iii. You should be prepared to turn in your notebook at the end of each grading period. Your notebook must be for this class only.
  - d. Tests
    - i. At the end of a chapter, there will be a test.
    - ii. Tests are worth 100 points. They are not open note or open book.
    - iii. Tests have many types of questions—multiple choice, matching, true/false, short answer, and essay. They may also ask you to look at a chart or political cartoon from the chapter.
  - e. Projects
    - i. Projects will be assigned, explained and due about a month after gone over.
    - ii. The due date is definite. That means no late projects are accepted.
    - iii. Projects take more time and effort than a typical assignment and therefore are worth more points, 100 to 200 points.

4. Keep all graded assignments in a folder. Since most parents/students access the parent portal, I don't give out grades constantly. I will go over grades at progress report time and at the end of the grading period. If you do not have access to the parent portal, use the available grade sheet to keep track and calculate your grade.
5. There will be a final examination on the entire year and it will count as part of your fourth nine weeks grade.

**Make-up Work:**

- Attendance plays a large part in academic performance.
- In the event of an absence, your missed work will be set in a folder in a bin named "MAKE UP WORK". The folder will have a post-it with your name and a brief description of the assignment. 10 school days after the absent date, your work will be removed from your folder. It is your responsibility to pick up the work, complete it and turn it in before the 10 days have elapsed. If there is nothing in the folder, check with classmates to get notes you may have missed.
- If the assignment missed is the due date for a major project, the due date still holds.
- If a student is absent from class more than 9 times in any nine week period, they may be assigned additional work to make up the time they've missed in class.

**Additional policies:**

- District tardy policy will be followed.
- Dress code policy will be followed. If clothing is questionable student will be sent to the office for an administrator to check.
- No food or drink in my classroom.
- No electronic devices. Turn them off, keep them put away. If I see it or hear it I will take it. Refusing to give it up becomes insubordination.

Please sign below that you understand your responsibility in this class. This will be kept in your classroom folder.

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